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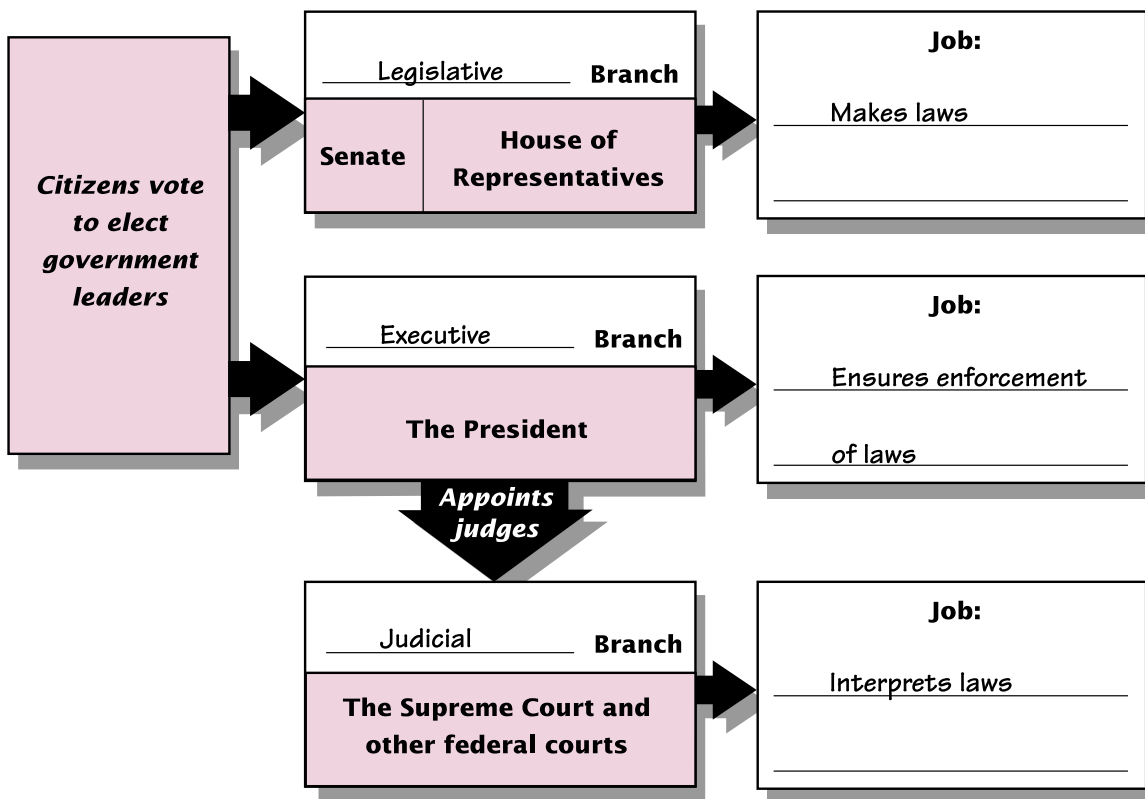
**Stem:**

Complete the diagram above by labeling the three branches of government and the job of each branch.

**Description of a top score-point response:**

The student finishes the diagram by correctly labeling the three branches of government and describing the job of each branch.

**Example of a top score-point response:**



**Score Points:**

- 2 points Complete response: all three branches correctly labeled with correct jobs (six total correct answers)
- 1 point Minimal response: three to five correct answers in any combination
- 0 points Other

	Strength	Weakness
Colonial Armed Forces in 1776	<div>Many owned rifles and</div> <div>were good at shooting.</div>	<div>They had few cannons and</div> <div>little gunpowder.</div>
British Armed Forces in 1776	<div>They had more money and</div> <div>equipment.</div>	<div>They were a long way from</div> <div>home.</div>

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**Other acceptable responses may include:**

	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Weakness</b>
<b>Colonial Armed Forces in 1776</b>	They were fighting for their homes and land in their own territory/ Minutemen were ready for duty at a moment's notice/ They fought for a cause.	They had an inferior navy and a small unpaid army/ They were seldom trained to fight in groups or to follow military commands/ They were more loyal to their specific colony and sometimes did not fight to defend another colony.
<b>British Armed Forces in 1776</b>	They had the most powerful navy in the world/ Its ships could move troops up and down the coast relatively quickly.	They had a conservative/limited approach to warfare not suited to the type of fighting required/ It took months to communicate between England and North America.

**Score Points:**

- 2 points      Complete response: four boxes filled in with one complete response in each box
- 1 point      Minimal response: two or three boxes filled in with complete responses **OR** three or four boxes with overly general responses (e.g., British Strength— “Britain was stronger.”)
- 0 points      Other